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# NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC

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## Pope: use gifts to benefit church

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Everyone has a special gift to offer the whole church, just make sure it is used to serve everyone and not to puff up one's own pride or to create division, Pope Francis said.

"It is a gift that God has given to someone not because he or she is a better person than someone else or

because she or he deserves it," the pope said at his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square Oct. 1.

God gives gifts freely, out of love, so that they can be "put at the service of the whole community for the good of all people," he said.

The pope continued a series of talks on the nature of

the Catholic Church, focusing on charisms or precious gifts the Holy Spirit bestows on individuals for the edification of the church. "But what is a charism exactly? How can we recognize it and receive it?" he asked.

In the wider sense of the word, most people think of a charism as having to do with

a particular talent or skill or a certain kind of charm seen in people who get labeled as "charismatic," Pope Francis said.

But in the Christian sense, it's more than that; it is "a grace, a gift bestowed on us by God the Father through the action of the Holy Spirit," he said.

### A SPECIAL PRAYER

#### For Year of Consecrated Life

Prayer for the  
**YEAR OF  
CONSECRATED  
LIFE**



Prayer for the Year of  
Consecrated Life

O God, throughout the ages you have called women and men to pursue lives of perfect charity through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. During this Year of Consecrated Life, we give you thanks for these courageous witnesses of Faith and models of inspiration. Their pursuit of holy lives teaches us to make a more perfect offering of ourselves to you. Continue to enrich your Church by calling forth sons and daughters who, having found the pearl of great price, treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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The United States Bishops issued a prayer for the Year of Consecrated Life which is set to begin on the First Sunday of Advent. The purpose of the yearlong celebration, according to a Vatican statement, is to "make a grateful remembrance of the recent past" while embracing "the future with hope." The Diocese of Ogdensburg will launch the local observance of the Year of Consecrated Life at this year's Religious Jubilee to be held Sunday at St. Mary's Cathedral.

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## The witness of consecrated cloistered life

In his homily for Oct. 2 Mass at which Sister Linh Terese made her first profession as a Sister Adorer for the Precious Blood, Bishop Terry R. LaValley offered a message to the Precious Blood Sisters in Watertown:

*Dear Sisters, your prayer and the witness of your consecrated, cloistered life are necessary now more than ever as you continue to inspire in us a true longing for holiness, a deep desire for conversion and personal renewal: aims that we hold deep within our hearts.*

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## We seek the truth

College students from across the diocese gather at

Guggenheim for retreat  
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## IN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



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Bishop William F. Murphy of Rockville Centre, N.Y., and other bishops, including Bishop Terry R. LaValley, second from right, celebrate Mass Sept. 23 at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, N.Y., during the 51st annual convention of the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors. Father Bryan D. Stitt, diocesan vocation director was among more than 200 vocation directors from the U.S., Australia, Canada, England, Italy, Mexico and Scotland who attended the weeklong event. Each day featured opportunities for prayer, education and fellowship. Full story, page 11

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

## Grateful remembrance... hopeful future

We're going to be hearing a lot about the Year of Consecrated Life over the next several months... as we should!

Pope Francis called for the year so that each of us could "make a grateful remembrance of the recent past" while "embracing the future with hope."

Fortunately, that's easy for us to do when considering the religious men and women who work among us in the North Country.

Bishop LaValley will lead the diocese in the opening of our local observance of this special year as he celebrates Mass for the diocesan Religious Jubilee

this coming Sunday.

A 2 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral will be followed by a reception downstairs in Brzana Hall.

During this liturgy we will recognize (with enormous gratitude) eight women who gave their lives to God – and us – 75, 65, 60 and 50 years ago.

The religious jubilarians of 2014 have made extraordinary contributions to Catholic life in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Most of them continue to minister in our parishes and schools, decades after other people their age have retired.

On Sunday, special recogni-

tion will be given to Sister Agnes Racette, a Sister of Charity of St. Louis for the past 75 years, as well as seven Sisters of St. Joseph who are observing significant anniversaries in 2014: Sister Mary Christine Taylor, 65 years; Sister James Marie Kelly, 60 years and Sisters Mary Annunciata Collins, Yvonne Therese Cusson, Mary Helen Hermann, Mary Eamon Lyng and Maureen Sweeney, 50 years.

The *North Country Catholic* will mark the Year of Consecrated Life with the weekly publication of the autobiographies of these women.

And, praise God, we have reason to embrace a hopeful future as 2014 has brought us a first profession of

vows for a Sister of St. Joseph – Sister Suanne Mary Johnson – and a Sister Adorer of the Precious Blood – Sister Linh Therese.

Also, a couple weeks ago, a young woman well known to readers of the *NCC* – Rachel Daly, a 2010 graduate of Seton Catholic in Plattsburgh and regular *NCC* columnist – entered the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal in the Bronx.

For all of these Sisters, we say thank you.

Thank you for the witness of your lives.

Thank you for your service in our classrooms, diocesan offices and parishes.

And, most of all, thank you for every prayer you make on our behalf!

Mary Lou  
Kilian

## A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

## The challenge to become pure of heart

You and I are still working our way through the Beatitudes: the path to happiness, given us by Jesus.

We have seen five beatitudes and I assume you remember them all!

Now, we move along to the next beatitude – "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God."

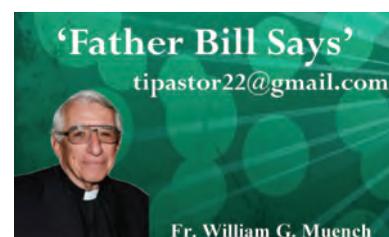
"Pure of heart" would be to have a heart like that of Jesus. Spiritually, we humans find the center of our emotions, even of our wisdom, in the heart, more than the mind. We understand the heart of Jesus best in the New Testament.

Recently, on a Sunday, we read from the Philippians, "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others."

So, to be "pure of heart" demands that we truly eliminate selfishness from our own lives.

We must learn to live in this spirit that St. Paul teaches with a heart free from all that leads us to be selfish.

"Pure of heart" calls for a life of superb innocence. Here we



are talking about a mature and bold innocence not a sort of naiveté. We are talking about an innocence free of guile or cunning. Guile leads to a life of deception, a life filled with lies – lies about ourselves, lies about others, lies even about God. Lies lead to unhappiness and the emptiness of dishonesty. Only when we empty our lives of lies and guile will we truly be "pure of heart."

All the beatitudes lead to happiness and so it is with this beatitude. This "purity of heart" is a way to the happiness of peace and honesty, the happiness of being the kind of person who sees God.

For you see, when we truly are "pure of heart," we will see God in all of creation. The "pure of heart" believe in God as creator, creator of all that is. So, they see God as present in all creation. All that *is* is sacred and holy and thus we can

see God in all creation.

The "pure of heart" will see God in others, especially in those who are in need. Jesus reminds us in his talk on "the acts of mercy" that whatever we do for others – even the least of our brothers and sisters – we should see in them Our Lord, Jesus. So, when we are open and ready to help others, we will see Jesus in them. We will see God in them.

The "pure of heart" will see God in themselves, recognizing that Jesus truly humbled himself and became one of us. He came to live with us as a human, to die for us and then rise to new life. So, our humanity is sacred; Jesus was once of us. Those who are "pure of heart" will always recognize the presence of God in their lives. Truly they will see God in all they do.

The "pure of heart" will see God in the Blessed Eucharist, the magnificent sacrament given to us all by Jesus. Jesus made certain that he would be present always in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. It is such an important part of our Catholic Faith that Jesus is truly present, body and soul, in this Sacrament. Those who

are truly "pure of heart" do indeed see God in this Sacrament.

So, our challenge as followers of Jesus Christ and searchers for the happiness promised by Jesus is to truly pray and live well that we can more and more become the "pure of heart."

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# A mission of prayer and love

Bishop LaValley's homily for the first profession of Sister Linh Terese, a Sister Adorer for the Precious Blood, Oct. 2

My friends, these Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood have dedicated their lives to prayer, sacrifice and penance for the salvation of souls - our souls! All of us who call the North Country "home" have been deeply enriched, blessed through the power of their prayer and witness.

As I mentioned at the start of Mass, today not only do we mark the conclusion of this Golden Jubilee Year for this blessed monastery in Watertown, we, also, gather at this special time to witness Sister Linh Therese's First profession as a Sister Adorer of the Precious Blood.

As the Sister's invitation stated, we are here to share with them the joy of Sister Linh Therese's self-offering to God.

And don't the readings selected for this Feast Day speak about the joy of our faith?

Hear the prophet Isaiah sing: *"I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul."* In his letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul speaks about being *"chosen, destined for the praise of His glory"* and, then in John's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples: *"Remain in my love. I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete."*

Dear Sisters, your prayer and the witness of your consecrated, cloistered life are necessary now more than ever as you continue to inspire in us a true longing for holiness, a deep desire for conversion and personal renewal: aims that we hold deep within our hearts.

I'm sure that all those who enter through the doors of your monastery experience the same serenity and joy that I do, each and every time, I am so graciously welcomed into your home.

In solitude, freed from the distractions of this world, you joyfully give yourselves completely to a life of adoration and reparation. By prayer and the contemplative life, you strive to spread the sacred fire of that devotion with which you, yourselves have been wholly inflamed.

We become sparks of faith for others through your prayerful witness to us. As St. John Paul II wrote when referring to those who embraced the contemplative life: *"you offer the church a singular testimony of the Church's love for her Lord and contribute with hidden apostolic fruitfulness, to the growth of the people of God."* (VC, 8)

Never doubt your hidden apostolic fruitfulness in the Diocese of Ogdensburg!

On this occasion, we are especially aware of the dynamic words Jesus uttered at the Last Supper: *"This is the chalice of My Blood which will be shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins."*

Here, God attributes to His Blood the reconciliation

of the human person to our Heavenly Father through the forgiveness of sins. The Blood seals an eternal, irrevocable alliance between God and humanity.

As I mentioned on the occasion of the beginning of this Jubilee Year, according to her Spiritual Director, Mother Catherine Aurelia, *"always sensed the Heart of Jesus united to her own."*

It was her deep devotion to the pulsating Blood of that most Sacred Heart of Jesus which impelled her to pray and suffer for the sanctification of nations, for priests and for the souls in Purgatory. She sought to draw down graces for which the world thirsts.

My sisters and brothers, the world today thirsts desperately for such graces.

The preface of your Constitution, Sisters, expresses this so profoundly: *"The Institute which exists under the glorious name of the Precious Blood must retrace and reflect, as far as possible, the image of the divine love with which that blood was shed; the love of which that Blood has always been and ever will be the sign, the expression, the measure and the pledge."*

As members of this Institute, your orientation is to be totally self-giving and to pray for the salvation of all God's people. Your voca-

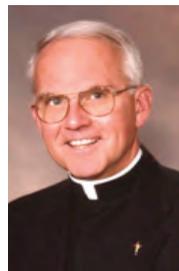
tion, your mission is one of prayer and love. It's that simple. It's that difficult. It's that vital.

Sister Linh Therese, your love for Mary Immaculate is an integral part of your vocation as a Sister Adorer of the Precious Blood. Mary Immaculate, Mother of the Church, embraced God's will heartily and devoted herself to the Person and work of her Divine Son, thereby serving the mystery of Redemption.

It is from Mary's Immaculate Conception that the Blood of Jesus begins its saving course, and flowing through the Sacraments, brings light and salvation to all the People of God.

The Most Precious Blood that was shed to set us free pours outward onto every Catholic altar and runs through our veins for the salvation of the world.

The principal mission of the Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood is to give glory to the Father, through the worship of His Son in the mystery of His precious Blood, and to honor Mary, immaculate in her conception. Sister Linh Therese, the first Adorer of the Precious Blood: Mary - ever led by the Spirit - is your inspiration and the model of what you hope to be as you endeavor to participate by



Bishop Terry R. LaValley

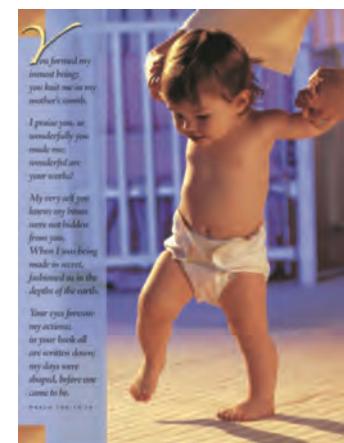
your life of prayer and penance in the apostolic mission of the Church.

When we were finalizing the scheduling of the Mass opening the Jubilee Year, Sr. Marilyn wrote me: *"I can't think of a more wonderful blessing upon our fifty years than to add another Adorer to our Institute. Sister Mary Catherine Pham received the Holy Habit of the Sister Adorers of the Precious Blood on that occasion."*

Today, as we close out the Jubilee, we are so blessed to witness Sister Linh Therese enter the contemplative life and make her first profession as a Sister Adorer of the Precious Blood. Praise God!

This has been some Jubilee Year for the Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood of Watertown! Congratulations Sister Linh Therese. God bless you abundantly as you respond so generously, courageously and selflessly to Jesus' call: Follow Me!

May God be praised...forever may God be praised!



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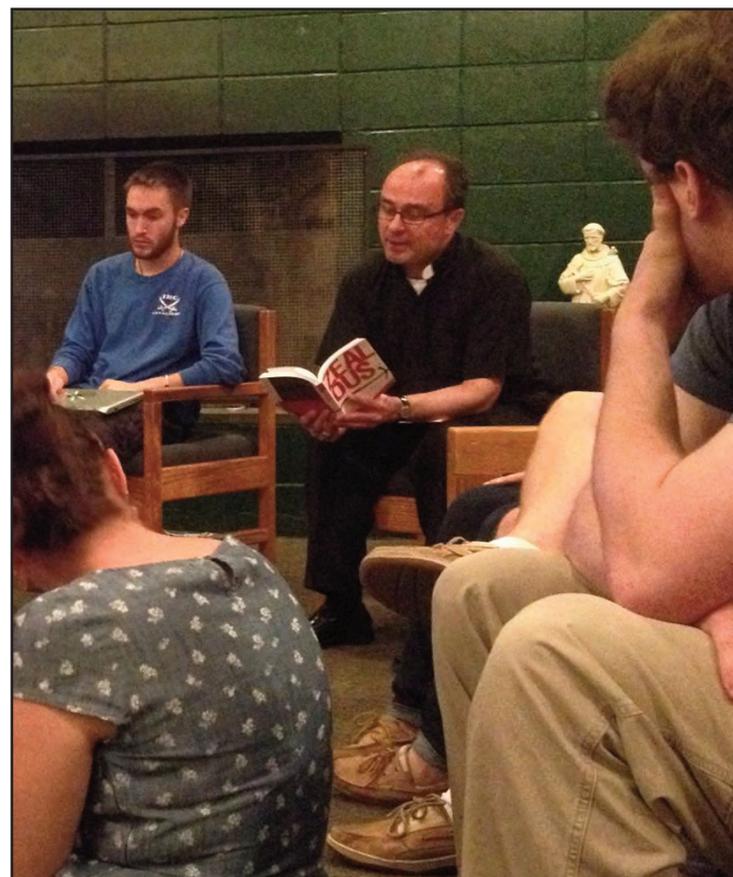
## YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE

# We Seek the Truth



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College students from campuses across the diocese took part in the annual intercollegiate retreat held Sept. 26-28 at Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake. The 18 collegians are shown with Father Timothy Canaan, diocesan director of campus ministry; Mary Skillan, campus minister in Plattsburgh; Amanda Conklin, campus minister in Canton; St. Joseph Sister Juliana Raymond, campus minister for Jefferson Community College in Watertown and Father Leon Biernat of Buffalo, retreat director.



Retreat leader Father Leon Biernat, former vocations director in the Diocese of Buffalo, leads one of the sessions in the Guggenheim lounge.

## College students gather for annual retreat

By Amanda Conklin  
Contributing Writer

On the weekend of Sept. 26-28, eighteen area college students gathered at Camp Guggenheim for the annual Intercollegiate Retreat.

Many think that in order to reach the young church, one needs modern pop music, candy, food, and as I like to put it "faith fluff."

My rough definition of "faith fluff" is when the deep truths of the faith are watered down to more "digestible," just-scratch-the-surface, teachings.

The reality is that young people can understand far more than we expect and in fact do NOT want the

"buddy Jesus," but rather they seek the deep, complex theology surrounding the person of Christ.

Father Leon Biernat, former Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Buffalo understands this and provided wonderful sessions during the retreat as the retreat leader that connected the book of Revelation to modern day struggles in the world.

Idolatry, lukewarmness, and sexual immorality are some of the vices effecting our modern world. The idols of pornography and abortion are upheld and "worshiped." The lukewarm idea of "tolerance" instead of calling others to a life of holiness is running rampant.

These vices are particularly present on college campuses. It is very difficult to live a Catholic life on modern college campuses and the ministry of Newman clubs is so needed today.

I pray nightly for my students to have the fortitude to stand strong in their faith amidst the ocean of secular temptations that bombard them every day.

During the retreat, the students proved their longing for authentic truth during a question and answer session in which hard questions were asked about the sacredness of the sacrament of marriage (eg why can't I get married outside? Should I attend a wedding of Catholics outside of the Church? etc.)

The college students' honesty amazes me every time I work with them. One student made the comment that she was proud to wear her faith on her sleeve, displaying her Catholic faith on her Facebook page, while others she knew in college subscribed to the "Church of Beyonce," as she put it.

The retreat also included sacraments that contribute to the fullness of our faith, Mass, Confession, and the students even stayed up past midnight in order to worship our Lord in adoration of the Eucharist.

This time of participating in the sacraments was so life-giving that the students were already asking when the next retreat was before the weekend was even over.

Many dismiss the youth as too seeped in the selfish culture, not able to grasp the truths of our faith, but the reality is that the youth of today are the Church leaders of tomorrow.

They are those who will become our priests, deacons, sisters, teachers, parents and lay people.

I often think of the call of Jeremiah when reflecting on this: "But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you.'" ~Jer.1:7.

Please remember to support your local youth and campus ministries. These young adults are the future Church and they seek the Truth.

# IN MEMORY OF FATHER BUTLER



Joseph M. Butler, Sr., second from left, accepts a donation to the Reverend Peter N. Butler Guggenheim Summer Camp Scholarship from Deacon Kevin T. Mastellon, St. Patrick's Church, Watertown. Parishioners of St. Patrick's Church donated to the scholarship fund throughout the summer. The Reverend Peter N. Butler Guggenheim scholarship was recently established at the Northern New York Community Foundation by Joseph M. Butler, Sr., in memory of both his brother, Reverend Peter N. Butler, and his late wife Nancy F. Butler. Donations to the scholarship fund will help sponsor a young person(s) attending Camp Guggenheim, Saranac Lake, for one week during summer 2015. Pictured, from left, are Joseph M. Butler, Jr.; Joseph M. Butler, Sr., Deacon Mastellon; and April L. Fallon, coordinator of Partnerships for Northern New York Community Foundation.

# K OF C COUNCIL IS HONORED



Knights of Columbus District Deputy Mark McKenna, left, and New York State Secretary Dr. Charlie Robinson present Supreme Council and New York State Council awards for the 2013-2014 fraternal year to Thomas Hobbs, Grand Knight of Potsdam Msgr. J. L. Tierney Council 340. The council won the Father McGivney Award for Membership growth and the Columbian Award for Service to the church, community, youth and its own members. The Platinum Circle of Honor Award is the highest given out by the state to a council, and recognizes overall membership growth. The awards are significant since the Potsdam council was only revitalized in January, halfway through the fraternal year. The awards were made following a Sunday morning Memorial Mass celebrated by Council Chaplain Msgr. Robert Aucoin and offered for deceased members of the council.

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# Funeral held Sept. 26 for Sister Helen O'Hara, GNSH

**YARDLEY, PENN.**—A Mass of Christian Burial for Grey Nun Sister Helen O'Hara, 88, who taught at St. Mary's School in Potsdam, was held Sept. 26 at the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart Motherhouse.

Sister Helen, formerly Sister Rosemary, died at St. Joseph Manor, Sept. 20, in the 71st year of her religious life.

Her childhood years were spent in Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada. She entered the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart in 1944 following graduation from Holy Angels Academy. She was awarded the Bachelor of Science in Education from D'Youville College. Additional studies were pursued at St. Bonaventure University, Olean, NY and at the University of Athens in Georgia.

Her 28 years as an educator included teaching assignments in Jackson Heights

and Potsdam, NY; Mahanoy City, PA and Atlanta, GA. More than half of her teaching experience was in the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

For 33 years she ministered in Buffalo, where she completed the Occupational Therapy Program at Erie Community College receiving an Associate in Applied Science degree. For 13 years she worked with the Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers as a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant or as a Rehabilitation Specialist.

Semi-retiring in 1994, she began volunteer ministry in nursing homes as a part of the Holy Angels Parish outreach. Simultaneously, she served as a volunteer receptionist at Kevin Guest House. She was recognized by both organizations for her dedicated and loving service.

In 2011 she retired to the

Motherhouse in Yardley where she resided until moving to Holy Redeemer/ D'Youville Manor in 2013. Health issues necessitated a move to St. Joseph Manor in July 2014.

A lifelong love of dance was expressed in classes for students and campers in summer programs and in liturgical dancing. At festivities honoring her golden jubilee, she performed her own choreography.

Her surviving family includes Joan (Sue) O'Hara of Niagara Falls, NY and Peter O'Hara (Mary Patricia) of St. James, NY and 7 nieces and 3 nephews. She is predeceased by sisters Mary Margaret O'Hara, GNSH and Julie O'Hara Waggoner.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart, 1750 Quarry Road, Yardley, PA., 19067.

## OUR READERS WRITE

### October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

*"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."*

Reflect on two major causes of breast cancer which we never hear about – abortions and birth control pills!

With literally every woman using these contraceptives daily and millions having had abortions since 1973; women are not being told the whole truth about this healthcare being foisted on them!

In his landmark book, "Breast Cancer – Its Link to Abortion and the Birth Control Pill," Dr. Chris Kahlenborn, after 7 years of reviewing and analyzing over 500 research studies offers the following conclusions which ALL women must know:

- Both induced abortion and oral contraceptive use, especially at a young age, increase the risk for developing breast cancer. The breast cancer risks from abortion and hormonal contraceptive use, act independently of each other.

- Women having an abortion prior to their 1st full term pregnancy, have a 50% increased risk of breast cancer; those having an abortion after their 1st full term pregnancy, have a 30% increased risk of breast cancer.

- Women over 18 who have had an abortion, experienced a 150% increased risk of breast cancer and if the abortion was between the 9th and 24th week of pregnancy, this risk increased to an astonishing 800%!!

- Women with a family history of breast cancer and who have had more than two abortions, have a 600% in-

creased risk of developing breast cancer.

- Women having an abortion prior to 18 as well as a family history of breast cancer, had an infinite increased risk of breast cancer, compared to those with a family history of breast cancer and not having an abortion!

- Women who are older than 30 at time of their abortion and with a family history of breast cancer, had a 270% increased risk of developing breast cancer.

- If a woman takes the oral contraceptive pill before her 1st child, she suffers at least a 40% increased risk of developing breast cancer; if she takes these pills for more than four years before having her 1st baby, she has a 72% increased risk of developing breast cancer.

- Women using DMPA (Depo-Provera) for more than two years prior to age 25, show a 190% increased risk of developing breast cancer.

- Women who have had abortions and also use oral contraceptives, have a multiplied risk of developing breast cancer.

CHRIS LAROSE  
POTSDAM

## Bishop's Schedule

**Oct. 8** – 9:30 a.m., Opening School Mass at St. James Minor Church followed by Visit to Augustinian Academy in Carthage

**Oct. 9** – 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral followed by lunch with the Rosary Society of St. Peter's Church of Plattsburgh at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

**Oct. 10** – 9 a.m., Mass for Superintendent's Day at the Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid

**Oct. 11** – 11:30 a.m., Mass at Family Guggenheim in Saranac Lake  
4 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg

**Oct. 12** – 2 p.m., Religious Jubilee at St. Mary's Cathedral

## Rest in Peace

*This week marks the anniversary of the deaths of the following clergymen men who have served in the Diocese of Ogdensburg*

**Oct. 8** – Rev. Edward Letourneau, 1898

**Oct. 9** – Rev. William Normandeau, 1892; Rev. Francis Xavier Chagnon, 1911; Most Rev. Leo R. Smith, 1963

**Oct. 10** – Rev. Robert Duford, 1949; Rev. J. A. Sirois, O.M.I., 1950

**Oct. 11** – Rev. William Burns, 1837

**Oct. 12** – Rev. Francis Xavier Pelletier, 1881; Rev. P. Joseph Mullins, O.S.A., 1960

**Oct. 13** – Rev. Francis X. Campbell, O.S.A., 1984

**Oct. 14** – Rev. James Alexander Haggarty, 1903

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In her Autumn Prayer of Acceptance, Sister Joyce Rupp, contemporary spiritual writer, invites us to pray with the seasons.

*"Autumn God, earth teaches me by her natural turning from one season to another. As she enters into the dying and rising cycle, she welcomes the changes. May I be open to the teachings of this seasons of autumn and turn, as autumn does, toward opportunities for my spiritual transformation."*

*"When I accept only the beautiful and reject the tattered, torn parts of who I am, when I treat things that are falling apart as my enemies, walk me among the dying leaves. Let them tell me about their power to reenergize the earth's soil by their decomposition and decay."*

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# Bishop's Fund & Guggenheim

By Sister Jennifer Votraw  
Chancellor, Diocese of Ogdensburg

Bishop LaValley's initiatives for our diocese are beautifully supported by Camp Guggenheim with its many programs and experiences throughout the summer months.

Guggenheim, situated in the "high" Adirondacks of Saranac Lake and surrounded by water and breathtaking scenery, is ideal site for our Summer Youth program that begins at the end of June and finishes six weeks later.

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Samantha LaPage, Ryan DeShane, and Dylan Bissonette, fifth graders at Trinity Catholic School in Massena, listen closely to a reading about "success" before their "can't" funeral held during the first week of the school year. Teacher Michele Bombard directed her class to bury their list of "can't's," all of those things they said they couldn't do, in a "can't" funeral. "Those can't's are never to be uttered again this year!" said Miss Bombard, urging her class to focus on *cans* instead!

# Trinity students hold a funeral for their 'can't's'

**MASSENA** - Michele Bombard's fifth grade held a funeral their first week of school at Trinity Catholic.

Complete with pallbearers followed by a procession, a special reading, and even prayers, the service completed the day for the group and taught them a valuable lesson about success.

Based on the theme for the year, "Journey with Jesus," Miss Bombard started her afternoon's lesson asking her students to write down everything they couldn't do, whether it was something as complicated as riding a unicycle or as simple as walking in a straight line.

The individual lists of "I can't's" were then stacked in a basket or "coffin" and carried out to the side yard for their burial.

After a short reading about the value of success, one student dug a small hole and the "can't's" were buried.

Students flung dirt on their buried failures as another classmate placed a stick cross on the grave.

"Say goodbye to those 'can't's," urged Miss Bombard

of her class. "They're never to be uttered again! This year, we will be focusing instead on our "cans," she emphasized, referring to a book that is the basis of the school's chosen yearly theme.

Teachers chose to connect the theme, "Journey with Jesus," with the book *Inch and Miles* by Coach John Wooden. Coach Wooden was a very successful UCLA basketball coach who based his coaching values on Christian values.

He developed his "Pyramid of Success" to help his players, and eventually other coaches and leaders around the world, to be motivated and to motivate others.

*Inch and Miles* is a story of two critters, a mouse and caterpillar, who learn what it takes to be successful by learning the virtues represented on the Pyramid of Success.

Some of these virtues include friendship, loyalty, enthusiasm, and patience, to name a few.

Each month, students will be taught a new virtue as

they are read to from that story. Each virtue will be emphasized throughout the school with visual aids and other stories to reinforce them.

As students demonstrate the monthly virtue, they will journal it in their "passport" which is designed to help guide them through their journey. After their parent has signed the passport, their teacher will "stamp" it, just like a real passport.

At the end of the year, those children who have demonstrated each of the virtues will receive special recognition. But, more importantly, they will have learned some of the best ways to get closer to Jesus and how to teach others about Him.

Trinity's "Journey with Jesus" with *Inch and Miles* will help teachers, students and parents learn some important life lessons. Students will learn how to focus on their "cans," rather than their "can't's," and like Coach Wooden, how to build THEIR "Pyramid of Success" for a bright future.

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# Year of Consecrated Life events to help laity learn more about religious

By Carol Zimmermann  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS)-- In an effort to help lay Catholics gain a deeper understanding of religious life, priests, brothers and women religious intend to open their convents, monasteries, abbeys and religious houses to the public one day next February.

"If you've ever wondered what a brother or religious sister does all day, you will find out," said Dominican Sister Marie Bernadette Thompson in announcing the open house scheduled for Feb. 8, 2015.

The open house is just one of the events for the upcoming Year of Consecrated Life, which begins the weekend of Nov. 29-30 - the first Sunday of Advent is Nov. 30.

It will end Feb. 2, 2016, the World Day of Consecrated life.

The special year dedicated to consecrated life was announced by Pope Francis and is similar to previous themed years announced by popes such as Year of the Priest (2009-2010) or Year of St. Paul. (2008-2009).

The year also marks the 50th anniversary of "Perfectae Caritatis," a decree on religious life, and "Lumen Gentium," the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church.

The purpose of the year-long celebration, according to a Vatican statement, is to "make a grateful remembrance of the recent past" while embracing "the future with hope."

Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Raleigh, North Carolina, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, announced the Year of Consecrated Life events at an

Oct. 1 news conference at the USCCB headquarters in Washington.

## Diocese of Ogdensburg will launch the local observance of the Year of Consecrated Life at the Religious Jubilee to be held Sunday at the cathedral

He said the scheduled events will provide an opportunity, especially for young people, to see how men and women religious live.

Bishop Burbidge also urged heads of religious orders to let his committee know of activities they are planning so they can be publicized.

Sister Thompson, council coordinator of the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious, said the purpose of the open house gatherings will be to provide people with an encounter with men and women religious and also an encounter with Christ.

Sister Marcia Allen, a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia, Kansas, and president-elect of Leadership Conference of Women Religious, said another initiative for the upcoming year is called "Days with Religious," during which laypeople will have opportunities to join men and women religious in works of service throughout the summer of 2015.

She said these opportunities, to be announced locally, will not only give laypeople the chance to "work with us side by side" but will also enable them to become aware of the charisms of different orders.

Sister Allen said she hoped the experience would be a "coming together for the

sake of the church's presence" in the modern world.

The third major initiative for the year is a day of prayer scheduled Sept. 13, 2015.

"We will join hands and hearts with you that day," said Father James Greenfield, president of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, who noted that throughout that day people will be invited to join religious men and women for vespers, rosary or holy hours.

The priest, who is a member of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales of the Wilmington, Delaware-Philadelphia province, said he hoped the year would not only encourage new vocations but also would allow people to "see our commitment with fresh eyes and open their hearts to support us with a renewed energy that stirs us all to embrace our pope's ongoing call for the new evangelization."

Although the year's events are intended to give laypeople a deeper understanding of consecrated life, the men and women religious also said they will most likely benefit.

Sister Thompson said she hopes women religious experience a renewed joy in their vocation and Sister Allen stressed that by simply explaining their order's charisms to others should give the sisters a deeper understanding and appreciation of their ministries.

"Whenever you think you are giving something you always end up receiving more," she said.

Prayers intentions for the Year of Consecrated Life, prayer cards, a video on consecrated life and other resources are available at: [www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/consecrated-life/year-of-consecrated-life/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/consecrated-life/year-of-consecrated-life/index.cfm).

## Prayer for the YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE



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### Prayer for the Year of Consecrated Life

O God, throughout the ages you have called women and men to pursue lives of perfect charity through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. During this Year of Consecrated Life, we give you thanks for these courageous witnesses of Faith and models of inspiration. Their pursuit of holy lives teaches us to make a more perfect offering of ourselves to you. Continue to enrich your Church by calling forth sons and daughters who, having found the pearl of great price, treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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*Freedom of expression that marked preparation for family synod will continue*

## Cardinal says synod will have open discussion

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The "freedom of expression" that characterized preparations for the Synod of Bishops on the family - especially in responses to a Vatican questionnaire - "will also characterize the synod assembly, which certainly will take place in a climate of respect for every position, mutual charity and an authentic sense of constructiveness," said the head of the synod.

Cardinal Lorenzo Baldisseri, synod general secretary, told reporters Oct. 3 that he hoped widespread media attention to the question of Communion for the divorced and civilly remarried would not completely overshadow the entire discussion, but differing opinions on that topic would be welcome in the synod hall.

The synod was scheduled to begin Oct. 5 with a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica and conclude Oct. 19 with a Mass in St. Peter's Square.

Books published before the synod that presented the arguments of several cardinals and theologians on the possibility of making it easier for divorced and civilly remarried Catholics to receive Communion "are a contribution" to the discussion, the cardinal said. Although the positions differ sharply, they ensure that the synod's considerations of the matter will have a "global perspective with varying positions," so that synod members can seek a true consensus.

"Those persons, including those on a high ecclesiastical level, who have intervened must assume responsibility (for their words). Each one is free," he said. However, he also asked the synod members to give appropriate attention to all of the challenges facing modern families rather than focusing just on that one issue. The working document talks



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**Simon and Grace Patton swing their daughter Julia, as they walk with their other children, Sebastian and Theodore, left, outside their home in late May in Rock Hill, Mo. The family and how it has changed in the last several decades will be under discussion when the extraordinary Synod of Bishops convenes at the Vatican Oct. 5.**

about "poverty, the phenomena of migration, polygamy, problems within families such as abuse and violence - all of these things. We should not allow Western topics to monopolize" the synod.

"The freedom the Holy Father allowed for broad discussion" of pastoral care for the divorced and civilly remarried, he said, makes it clear it will be part of the discussion. Cardinal Baldisseri added: "I cannot tell you how it will end, the conclusions are for the synod to make. I know people have many expectations, but they will have

to wait. I cannot give you the conclusions when we have not even begun" the formal discussion.

"The theme of the remarried and Communion takes up only a page and a half" in the synod's working document, Cardinal Baldisseri told reporters, "so I appeal to you also to highlight the other issues, not just that regarding the remarried and Communion."

The cardinal said the fact that even before it began, the synod was sparking debate about complex situations involving traditional church

teaching and modern difficulties "demonstrates that we can talk about them from a doctrinal point of view as well as from a practical and pastoral point of view in the light of the Gospel."

The situation families live in and the situations the church is called to apply the Gospel to "are not static," he said. An extraordinary synod on the family was convoked precisely because "the current context of the family is different than it was 33 years ago" when St. John Paul II wrote "Familiaris Consortio," his apostolic exhortation on

the role of the Christian family in the world.

Pope Francis has spoken repeatedly about the beauty of marriage and family life, as well as the challenges facing Catholic laity today, the cardinal said. "He wants the people of God, on every level, to express themselves, to tell it as it is and what they think."

However, he said, the main aim of the synod is not to list and describe problems in marriage and family life - although they will not be ignored - but to highlight the beauty and potential of faithful, happy, lifelong relationships built on the love of a man and a woman.

And, the cardinal said, when the church sees individuals and couples who are hurting, whose marriages have fallen apart, the church "must bow before these problems with mercy, as the Holy Father says."

The same day Cardinal Baldisseri spoke to reporters, Pope Francis met with the Council of European Bishops' Conferences, which had been meeting in Rome and focusing on "the family and the future of Europe."

In prepared remarks handed to the bishops, the pope encouraged a commitment to supporting family-friendly policies in politics and social life, as well as a variety of forms of pastoral outreach to families, "both those living an ordinary married life as well as those experiencing problems or break ups."

In ad-libbed remarks published, and then removed, by Vatican Radio, the pope told the bishops that he saw a Europe that was injured, a Europe which is seeing babies aborted, old people cast aside and young people struggling to find work. However, despite this pessimistic outlook the pope said it was not the end for Europe, adding that the continent has resources and that its people can turn to Jesus to heal their injuries.

# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Paul VI beatification highlights dialogue, Vatican II, love for church

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Meeting Catholics from Pope Paul VI's home diocese, Brescia, Pope Francis said his predecessor's witness "nourishes within us the flame of love for Christ, love for the church and the drive to proclaim the Gospel to the people of today with mercy, patience, courage and joy." Pope Francis will hold Pope Paul's witness up to a wider audience Oct. 19 when he beatifies him during the closing Mass of the extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the family. With Pope Paul's beatification approaching, the 50th anniversary of the publication of his first encyclical letter, "Ecclesiam Suam," and the 36th anniversary of his death Aug. 6, 1978, became the occasion for multiple reflections on his life and legacy in the Vatican media. "Although he was not always understood, Paul VI will remain the pope who loved the modern world, admired its cultural and scientific wealth and worked so that it would open its heart to Christ, the redeemer of mankind," wrote Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re.

## Cardinal Kasper: Pope wants bishops to decide on Communion proposal

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The author of a controversial proposal to make it easier for divorced and civilly remarried Catholics to receive Communion says he believes Pope Francis backs the measure but would not apply it without support from bishops at two upcoming synods on the family. "I had the impression the pope is open for a responsible, limited opening of the situation, but he wants a great majority of the bishops behind himself. He does not like division within the church and the collegiality of bishops," German Cardinal Walter Kasper, speaking English, told Catholic News Service Oct. 1. "I have the impression the pope is ready to reaffirm such a thing, but now it depends also on the voices of the bishops in the synod." By church law, divorced and civilly remarried Catholics are not admitted to Communion unless they obtain an annulment of their first, sacramental marriages or abstain from sexual relations with their new partners, living together as "brother and sister." Pope Francis has said the predicament of such Catholics exemplifies a general need for mercy in the church today. He invited Cardinal Kasper to address the world's cardinals at the Vatican in February, when the cardinal argued that, in certain cases, the church can "tolerate something that, in itself, is unacceptable": a couple living together as husband and wife in a second union. "I spoke beforehand with the pope himself; otherwise I would not have touched this problem in my conference. The pope encouraged me as a question," the cardinal said.

## Pope: Tiny voice in your head? Don't ignore it; it's a guardian angel

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Guardian angels are not the stuff of fantasy; they are really present as wise travel companions helping people navigate life's journey, Pope Francis said. Don't ignore the inner voice that says, "Well, you should do this." "That's not right." "Watch out!" the pope said in a morning homily Oct. 2, the feast of the Guardian Angels. "It's the voice of our travel companion. Be confident that they will take us through to the end of our lives with their advice, and that's why (people should) listen to their voice, don't rebel," he said in remarks reported by Vatican Radio. "All of us, according to church tradition, have an angel with us, who watches over us, and lets us hear" deep inside, wise words meant to help people make the right choices, the pope said during an early morning Mass in the chapel of his residence, the Domus Sanctae Marthae.

# Work of vocation directors 'vital to church's future'

By Gregory A. Shemitz  
Catholic News Service

HAUPPAUGE, N.Y. (CNS) - Archbishop Jorge Patron Wong, secretary for seminaries at the Vatican's Congregation for Clergy, understands the need to affirm, assist and support priests involved in vocation ministry.

During his weeklong participation at the 51st annual convention of the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors, held Sept. 19-26 in Long Island, the archbishop made sure he connected with as many priests as he could, to encourage their efforts in helping men to respond to God's call to the priesthood.

Their work is vital to the future of the church, Archbishop Patron told Catholic News Service.

"Pope Francis says if the younger generation answers God's call, Christ's call, they're going to renew the church," the archbishop said. "Our hope is that the new generation -- guided by good priests, good staff at the seminaries, good formators, good spiritual directors and good vocation directors -- will renew the church with their energy, with their enthusiasm and the ideas the Holy Spirit is placing in their hearts."

The convention drew 280 participants, including 16 bishops and 230 vocation directors from the U.S., Australia, Canada, England, Italy, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Scotland. Each day featured opportunities for prayer, education and fellowship.

Archbishop Patron's attendance was a welcome sign of papal support for priests who face a variety of challenges as they look to generate priestly vocations for their respective dioceses.

One of the biggest challenges is making prayer a priority in their ministry, according to Father Paul Hoising, who is president of

the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors and vocation director for the Archdiocese of Omaha, Nebraska.

"We have to learn how to be disciples ourselves and then learn how to disciple others," the priest said. Prayer should be the go-to tool in the toolbox of every vocation director, he said.

Father Jorge Torres, vocation director for the Diocese of Orlando, Florida, cited helping young people develop a life of prayer as another great challenge for vocation directors.

"We have to teach young men and women how to pray in a way, as Pope Francis says, for most to have that daily encounter with Jesus," said Father Torres. "If they have that encounter, any fears, any concerns, the resistance from the world will be loved away, will be melted."

To help address this concern, the national organization plans to release a book geared to helping young adults improve their prayer lives, Father Torres said. The book, "Have I Been With You? Personal Prayer for Young Disciples," will be available through its website, [www.ncdvd.org](http://www.ncdvd.org), in late October.

Father Shawn McKnight, executive director of the Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said a difficulty for vocation directors is the "negative stance" many parents harbor when a child is interested in discerning a call to the priesthood or religious life.

"This is especially the case among Hispanic families," Father McKnight said. "They're not always positive about their child becoming a priest or religious sister, although they are very happy to encourage their extended family members to become priests and sisters."

Convincing a parent to

trust in the discernment process is a challenge all vocation directors face, regardless of the family's cultural background, Father McKnight said.

Communication and open dialogue between parent and child is essential, the priest said.

"The best way is to talk openly about it," Father McKnight said. "A parent is going to be fearful for their son or daughter, no matter what they do, even if it's the choice of a spouse. That's normal. You have to talk about it. You have to have some way to deal with it."

Vocation directors also can connect parents of those considering a vocation with parents of seminarians and newly ordained priests, so "those who have gone through the process can speak of their wisdom in dealing with those fears and concerns," he said.

The vocation ministry is clearly not for the meek of heart. Effort and hard work don't guarantee success and, in some cases, can lead to burnout or a transfer to another diocesan department or parish.

According to the NCDVD, which provides year-round support and outreach to those in the ministry, an average of 45 new vocation directors are appointed each year in U.S. dioceses.

"The work is rather stressful," admitted Father Jim Crisman, the organization's vice president and vocation director for the Archdiocese of Denver. "Oftentimes we feel pressure to produce 'numbers.'"

Despite this, Father Crisman remains enthusiastic. "I love the ministry," he said. "I find it a blessed opportunity to enter with these young men into a process of looking at the priesthood which I love so much. It's a great chance for me to say this is what the Lord might be calling you to, come a little bit closer."

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

# Accepting the invitation to the banquet

This Sunday, God sets before us two banquets, one set in heaven and the other on earth.

We are all invited to both. All we need to do is to accept the invitation!

In the first, Isaiah tells us what God has prepared for everyone on his mountain, "a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines."

Now, doesn't this sound attractive?

Furthermore, he will lift the veil that prevents us

from seeing His glory.

Finally, He will destroy even death! It's His final victory against sin and Satan.



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We find the second, earthly banquet described in the Gospel.

It's told through the story about a king who prepared a wedding feast for his Son.

All those invited are required to do is to accept - and come in the proper wedding garment.

One after another, those favored by the king excuse

themselves. They even mistreat and kill the king's messengers.

Enraged, the king tells his servants to go out and invite anyone they can find in the highways and byways.

One guest comes, but doesn't bother to wear the proper wedding garment. The king punishes him severely.

Now, the king in the story is God Himself. The banquet is the Eucharistic Sacrifice offered in every time and place. It's a reflection of Isaiah's vision of the heavenly banquet God has prepared as "food for the journey." All we need is the

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Isaiah 25:6-10a

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22:1-14

light of faith, and baptism in water and the Spirit.

Why do so many close their eyes and their hearts to this precious invitation? For Israel, it was through their infidelity to God's generous covenant. For the rest of us, it's through sin and indifference.

This weekend we commemorate the vision of Christopher Columbus whose courage, determination, and faith led him to our shores so long ago.

We need his vision to renew our faith and desire for both the earthly banquet and the heavenly feast God has prepared for all people.

For those of us in this incredibly wealthy land of freedom and prosperity, it's through our letting slip the heritage of moral values passed on through strong, loving families that teach us responsible caring for all our brothers and sisters in a spirit of justice and peace.

## MAKING SENSE OUT OF BIOETHICS

# The good and the bad in end of life planning

Planning for end of life situations is important. We should put in place an advance directive before our health takes a serious turn for the worse and we are no longer able to indicate our own wishes or make our own decisions.

Advance directives can be of two types: living wills and health care agents.

The best approach is to choose a health care agent (a.k.a. a "proxy" or a "durable power of attorney for health care"). Our agent then makes decisions on our behalf when we become incapacitated.

We should designate in writing who our health care proxy will be. The National Catholic Bioethics Center (<http://www.ncbcenter.org>) and many individual state Catholic Conferences offer helpful forms that can be used to designate our proxy.

Copies of our completed health care proxy designation forms should be shared with our proxy, our doctors, nurse practitioners, hospice personnel, family members and other relevant parties.

In addition to choosing a

health care proxy, some individuals may also decide to write up a living will in which they state their wishes regarding end of life care.

### Of Proxies and POLSTs:

Living wills raise concerns, however, because these documents attempt to describe our wishes about various medical situations before those situations actually arise, and may end up limiting choices in unreasonable ways.

Given the breathtaking pace of medical advances, a person's decisions today about what care to receive or refuse may not make sense at a later timepoint.

In the final analysis, it is impossible and unrealistic to cover every medical situation in a living will, and it is preferable to have a proxy, a person we trust, who can interact with the hospital and the health care team, weigh options in real time, and make appropriate decisions for us as we need it.

A new type of living will

known as a "POLST" form — a tool for advance planning — also raises concerns.

The POLST form (which stands for Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment) is a document that establishes actionable medical orders for a patient's health-care.

The form is typically filled out with the help of trained "facilitators" - usually not physicians - who ask questions about patients' health care wishes, and check boxes on the form that correspond to their answers.

The facilitators receive training that can lead them to paint a rather biased picture of treatment options for patients, emphasizing potential negative side effects while side-stepping potential benefits or positive outcomes.

POLST forms thus raise several significant moral concerns:

- The approach encour-

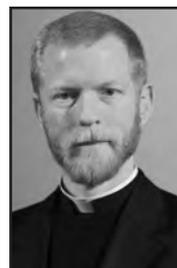
aged by the use of POLST forms may end up skewed toward options of non-treatment and may encourage premature withdrawal of treatments from patients who can still benefit from them.

• Filling out a POLST form may preclude a proxy from exercising his or her power to protect the rights of the patient, since the form sets in motion actual medical orders that a medical professional must follow.

As a set of standing medical orders, the POLST approach is inflexible. Many POLST forms begin with language like this: "First follow these orders, then contact physician or health care provider."

Straightforwardly following orders created outside of a particular situation may be ill-advised, improper and even harmful to the patient.

- In some states, the signature of the patient (or his or her proxy) is not required



Father Tadeusz  
Pacholczyk Ph.D.

on the POLST. After the form has been filled out, it is typically forwarded to a physician (or in some states to a nurse practitioner or a physician's assistant) who is expected to sign the form. Thus, in some states, a POLST form could conceivably be placed into a patient's medical record without the patient's knowledge or informed consent.

In a recent article about POLST forms in the *Journal of Palliative Medicine*, approximately 95% of the POLST forms sampled from Wisconsin were not signed by patients or by their surrogates.

Fortunately, in some other states like Louisiana, the patient's signature or the signature of the proxy is mandatory for the form to go into effect.

The implementation of a POLST form can thus be used to manipulate patients when they are sick and vulnerable, and can even lead to mandated orders for non-treatment in a way that constitutes euthanasia.

The POLST template repre-

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## AT THE MOVIES

## THE EQUALIZER

By John P. McCarthy  
Catholic News Service

Vigilante figures can be compelling in part because it's natural to root against evildoers. And it's much easier to be drawn in when a likable actor portrays the putative hero.

But no matter how intriguing and righteous an avenging character appears to be - and no matter how heinous the behavior he combats - cheering for violence is fundamentally perverse.

Based on the late-1980s television series starring Edward Woodward, "The Equalizer" (Columbia) cannot make a morally convincing case for committing brutal acts under the guise of justice.

This action thriller is less exploitative than many others of its kind, yet there's no shortage of objectionable elements - most prominently, an array of gruesome killings.

Denzel Washington plays Robert McCall, a quiet, affable man who lives alone in a spare Boston apartment. He's a neat freak - meticulous to the extent he must surely suffer from obsessive-compulsive disorder -

an exponent of consuming an all-natural diet, and an insomniac. He reads a lot, wears crisp button-down shirts and practical sneakers, and rides the bus to his job at a home improvement chain store.

Unable to sleep, McCall goes to a local diner every night where he reads classic novels and drinks tea, and where he befriends Teri (Chloe Grace Moretz), a young prostitute working for Russian mobsters.

When she's severely beaten by her handlers, McCall takes up her cause and demonstrates his aptitude for violence by killing five thugs.

Teddy (Marton Csokas), a soulless fixer, is sent from Russia to investigate and McCall responds by going after their entire criminal network, which relies on corrupt police officers.

There's little mystery surrounding McCall's former life. He's a retired intelligence operative, trained to kill and extremely proficient at it. Before she died, he promised his wife he'd stop, but Teri's plight awakens the vengeful assassin in him.

The movie's first act has a quiet, melancholy air. When

the sleeping warrior wakes, however, it becomes a calculated frenzy of death. McCall dispatches bad guys with grotesque efficiency, using whatever tools are at hand.

Washington has the calm, middle-aged man of action down pat; he's easy to watch, even when doing loathsome things. It's a relatively nuanced, detailed portrait, but there's nothing to exculpate McCall. He expresses some remorse after his initial outburst, whispering, "I'm sorry" - presumably to his late wife. He also claims he offers his victims the chance to do the right thing.

Yet his primary excuse for his vigilantism is, in effect, that he must do what he was trained to do. Call it the robot defense. A utilitarian, the-ends-justify-the-means explanation is heard when his ex-spymaster, Susan Plummer (Melissa Leo), assures McCall he must "make the wrong choices to get to the right place."



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Denzel Washington stars in a scene from the movie "The Equalizer."

When his final victim asks him what he will gain from killing him, McCall replies, "Peace."

Not only is his definition of peace idiosyncratic, it's impossible to endorse.

The film contains excessive gory violence, including stabbings, gunplay, a near decapitation, torture and a strangling; numerous

graphic images; frequent rough, crude and crass language; and some profanity, sexual banter and race baiting. The Catholic News Service classification is O -- morally offensive. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.





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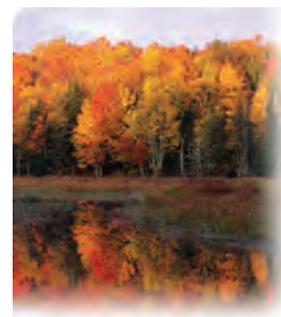
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sents a fundamentally flawed approach to end of life planning, relying at its core on potentially inappropriate medical orders and dubious approaches to obtaining patient consent.

Notwithstanding the pressure that may be brought to bear on a patient, no one is required to agree to the implementation of a POLST form. Patients are free to decline to answer POLST questions from a facilitator, and should not hesitate to let it be known that they instead

plan to rely on their proxy for end of life decision making, and intend to discuss their healthcare options uniquely with their attending physician.

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## ADIRONDACK

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Lake Placid** - St. Agnes' Catholic Daughters will be hosting a pancake and sausage breakfast.

**Date:** Oct. 12

**Time:** 8 a.m. to Noon

**Place:** St. Agnes School Gym

**Cost:** Adults, \$5; Children under 8, \$3; under 2, Free

**Features:** Drawing on Subaru Outback

## FRIENDSHIP VOLUNTEER TRAINING

**Saranac Lake** - Mercy Care for the Adirondacks is recruiting new volunteers and has scheduled a Friendship Volunteer Training Program.

**Date:** Oct. 21-22

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (both mornings are required to complete the training)

**Features:** Volunteers of all faiths in the Tri-Lakes, Keene, Keene Valley, Wilmington, or other surrounding communities help their elder neighbors stay connected to their communities. Training program is free of charge.

**Contact:** Pre-registration is required. To request registration information, contact Sheila Schneck at Mercy Care by calling 523-5583.

## CLINTON

## HARVEST DINNER BUFFET

**Altona** - Holy Angels Church to hold harvest dinner buffet.

**Date:** Oct. 26

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Cost:** Adults, \$9; Children 6-12, \$4; Under 5, Free

**Features:** Roast Turkey and Ham. Raffle, pull tabs, country store. Immediate seating and take-outs.

## QUILTING CLASSES

**Ellenburg Center** - Quilting classes to be held.

**Place:** Our Lady of the Adirondacks

**Cost:** \$25 per class

**Classes:** Wish Upon a Star: Oct. 18, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilters will use a Moda Jelly Roll to make a Kansas Troubles Layered Patchwork quilt Disappearing Pinwheel class: Nov. 12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donna Hastings, guest instructor.

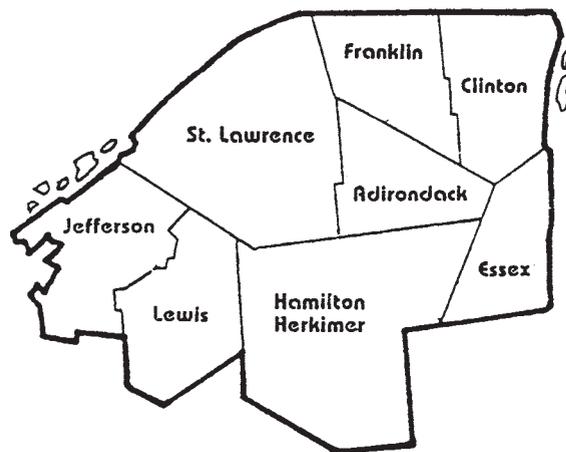
**Contact:** Email thelostsheepquiltshop@gmail.com or call 518-594-3253. Overnight accommodations available.

## RETREATS TO BE HELD

**Ellenburg Center** - Our Lady of the Adirondack House of Prayer to hold retreats.

**Retreat Days:**

• Theological and Cardinal Virtues: 10



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a.m. to 3 p.m., Part I Oct. 11, Theological Virtues: Faith, Hope, and Love; Part II Oct. 25, Cardinal Virtues: Prudence, Justice, Fortitude, and Temperance. Fr. Jack Downs will begin with Mass followed by talks and lunch. RSVP by Oct. 5, Suggested donation \$20 per day

• Prayer of Examen: Nov. 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Meditation is a quest. Fr. Jack Downs will present the Ignatian method of meditation which engages our thoughts, imagination, emotions, and desires. The purpose is to gain knowledge and unite us to the love of Jesus. Suggested donation \$25. RSVP by Nov. 1

**Contact:** olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or 518-594-3253

## HARVEST DINNER

**West Chazy** - St. Joseph's Church will hold its 41st Annual Harvest Dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 12

**Time:** Noon to 5 p.m.

**Place:** St. Joseph's Parish Center

**Cost:** Adults, \$10; Children 5-12, \$5; Children under 5, Free

**Features:** Turkey w/ trimmings. Take-outs available. A country store

**Contact:** 518-593-4521

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

**Plattsburgh** - A 40 Days for Life crusade has been planned

**Date:** Sept. 24 to Nov. 2

**Place:** Outside Planned Parenthood

**Time:** 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Features:** 40 Days For Life is a life-saving campaign made up of 3 components: Prayer and Fasting, Community Outreach, Peaceful Vigil.

**Contact:** Nancy Monette at 518-561-8225 40daysforlife.com/plattsburgh

## WALK OF FAITH

**Peru** - The Catholic Community of St. Augustine's and St. Patrick's Parish, The Peru Community Church, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Monica 2598 and Knights of Columbus Council 7273 are holding the 8th annual Walk of Faith and Pulled Pork dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 12

**Time:** Early registration begins at 11:45 a.m. Opening Ceremony begins at 12:30 PM.; Pulled Pork dinner, 12:20 p.m. to 3

**Place:** Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine behind St. Augustine's Church.

**Cost:** The walk is free, donations accepted. Pulled pork dinner, Non walkers, \$8; Walkers, \$6; Children under 12 non walkers, \$4, walkers, \$3

**Features:** Proceeds from this event will go The North Country Mission of Hope and The Jamaica Project.

**Contact:** Christa Reyell at 566-6404

## FRANKLIN

## HARVEST DINNER

**North Bangor** - St. Augustine Church to host a harvest turkey dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 26

**Time:** Noon to 4 p.m.

**Place:** John C. Dwyer Parish center

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Senior Citizens, \$7; Children 12, \$6; under 5, Free

## TURKEY DINNER

**St. Regis Falls** - St. Ann's Society will be holding a Turkey Dinner

**Date:** Oct. 12

**Time:** Noon to 3 p.m.

**Place:** St. Anne's Parish Hall

**Cost:** Adults, \$9; Children under 12, \$5; under 5, Free

**Features:** Takeouts will be available or call 518-522-4633. There will also be a raffle. Help is needed on the Saturday morning prior to the event and again on the day of the event. Please call Janet Richards at 518-856-9663.

## TURKEY DINNER

**Fort Covington** - St. Mary's Church will have their annual turkey dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 19

**Time:** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Place:** St. Mary's Parish Hall

**Cost:** Adults, \$9; Children under 12, \$5; under 5, Free; take-outs, \$9

**Features:** baked goods, canned goods, fresh produce & flea market items. 50/50 raffle, multi-prize raffle and more!

## CRAFT FAIR

**Brushton** - St. Mary's Church will be having a craft fair and

**Date:** Oct. 18

**Place:** St. Mary's Parish Center

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Cost:** \$12 for a 6x6 space

**Features:** Over 40 tables of hand crafted items Silent auction, bake sale, raffles, lunch available in our kitchen.

## ROSARY CRUSADE

**Malone** - The 2014 Public Square Rosary Crusade has been planned.

**Date:** Oct. 11

**Time:** Noon

**Place:** St. Joseph's Church

**Contact:** Elaine McGivney at 529-6133

## JEFFERSON

## OCTOBER ULTREYA

**Watertown** - Cursillo Community celebrating October Ultreya

**Date:** Oct. 23

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. to 8

**Place:** St. Patrick's Chapel

**Features:** Cursillistas' reunion. Also, we welcome those interested in deepening a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and sharing it with other Catholics.

**Contact:** Anne, ams2962@gmail.com or Pat, pfanning5010@twcny.rr.com

## HARVEST HAM DINNER

**Black River** - St. Paul's Church to have family style harvest ham dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 23

**Time:** 4 p.m. to 7

**Cost:** Adults, \$9; Children 5-12, \$4; under 5, Free

**Features:** Take-outs available

## PASTA DINNER

**Watertown** - A pasta dinner has been planned to support the Special Religious Education program

**Date:** Oct. 14

**Time:** 5 p.m. to 6:30; take-outs begin at 4:30

**Place:** Italian American Club

**Menu:** Linguini with Meatballs and red sauce, Salad, Bread and Butter, Desert.

**Cost:** \$8.00

## PRAYER FOR LIFE

**Watertown** - October has been designated as Respect Life month in Catholic Churches throughout the nation. This year we will praying outside the Planned Parenthood facility.

**Date:** Each day in October

**Time:** Noon to 1 p.m.

**Features:** Each Watertown Catholic church will have sign-up sheets at their entranced for those who will join us in witnessing to the sanctity of all human life during this time. If you cannot commit to a specific time, please come any day you are available.

## SPAGHETTI SUPPER

**Watertown** - The Altar Rosary Society will be having a spaghetti supper.

**Date:** Oct. 30

**Time:** 4:30 p.m. to 7

**Place:** St. Anthony's Church, Msgr. Sechi Hall

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Children, \$4.50; under 3, Free; Sauce, \$5 per quart; Meatballs, \$.75 each

**Features:** Take-outs begin at 4 p.m., please bring your own containers

## LEWIS

## ROSARY ALTAR LUNCHEON

**Lowville** - Regular monthly luncheon and meeting of St. Peter's Rosary-Altar Society to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 8

**Time:** 12:30 p.m.

**Place:** Church Hall

**Features:** New members welcome

## ST. HEDWIG'S POLISH FEST

**Houseville** - St. Hedwig's is holding its Annual Polish Fest to raise funds for church repairs and restoration

**Date:** Oct. 19

**Time:** Noon

**Features:** Polish food, theme basket raffles, bake sale, 50/50 Raffle. Donations of theme baskets, pies and monetary donations appreciated.

**Contact:** Joann 348-8735, Mary 348-8836 or Mary Ann 348-6260.

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# A message from our national mission director

By Father Andrew Small, OMI  
National mission director

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By now, you have been introduced to the 2014 World Mission Sunday materials for your parish's celebration. This year's theme, "I Will Build My Church" (Matthew 16:185) invites you to reach out and help your mission family in Mongolia to build their local church as well as to help their brothers and sisters throughout the Missions build local churches in the remotest corners of the world.

It was just a little more than 20 years ago, after decades before that of Communist rule, that the people of Mongolia once again heard the "Good News" of Jesus proclaimed to them. The new democratic government at that time said that it would welcome the presence and work of Catholic Missionaries. The Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Missionary priests made their way there and found a country struggling with issues like alcoholism and domestic abuse, with minimal government social services and with extreme poverty. He found a people searching for God and holiness."

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A priest of the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Missionary who serves the people of Mongolia.

## OBITUARIES

**Bombay** — Huldah M. (Sussey) Funeral Services Sept. 30, 2014 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

**Brasher Falls** — Harriett M. (Pharaoh) Brothers, 73; Funeral Services Sept. 30, 2014 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Champlain** — June E. (Lajmmier) Lister, 82; Funeral Services Oct. 4, 2014 at St. Mary's Church.

**Colton** — Timothy M. Thomas, 56; Funeral Services Sept. 29, 2014 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

**Dexter** — Sally A. (Nellis) Hoffman, 85; Funeral Services Oct. 1, 2014 at the Johnson Funeral Home; burial in Lakeside Cemetery.

**Keeseville** — Judith (McCormick) LeClair, 81; Funeral Services Oct. 3, 2014 at Immaculate Conception Church; burial in Port Douglas Cemetery.

**Malone** — John G. Legacy, 58; Funeral Services Oct. 3, 2014 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Massena** — Helen (Dolan) Calnon, 89; Funeral services Oct. 3, 2014 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** — Maybell A. Miller, 77; Funeral Services Oct. 3, 2014 at the Fox & Murray Funeral Home.

**Plattsburgh** — Tanya (Darrah) LaFountain, 62; Funeral Services Oct. 2, 2014 at Our Lady of Victory Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Port Henry** — Helen (Palmer) Brown; Funeral Services Oct. 3, 2014 at St. Patrick's Church.

**Port Henry** — Margaret Rose Glavin Garcia, 76; Funeral Services Oct. 18, 2014 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

**Potsdam** — Paul F. Gallagher, 92; Funeral Services Oct. 1, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

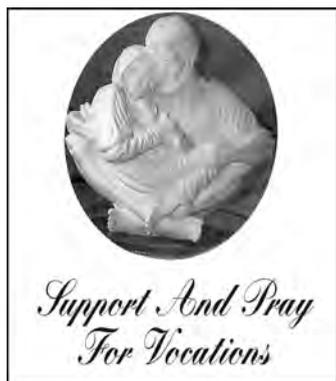
**Raymondville** — Edward P. Saber, 76; Funeral Services Sept. 30, 2014 at St. Raymond's Church; burial in Visitation Cemetery, Norfolk.

**Redford** — Frank J. Plumadore, 60; Funeral Services Oct. 3, 2014 at Church of the Assumption; burial in St. Augustine's Cemetery, Peru.

**Rouses Point** — Gary James Burgoyne, Sr., 57; Funeral Services Oct. 2, 2014 at St. Patrick's Church; burial at sea.

**Ticonderoga** — Antoinette (Morette) O'Bryan, 85; Funeral Services Oct. 1, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Parish Cemetery.

**West Chazy** — Albert W. Trombley, 79; Funeral Oct. 4, 2014 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.



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## LEWIS

**ROSARY RALLY**

**Turin** – The 2014 Public Square Rosary Crusade has been planned

**Date:** Oct. 11

**Time:** 1 p.m.

**Place:** Spirit Walk

**Contact:** Laurie at 519-2037 or Mary at 376-3064

**ROAST BEEF DINNER**

**Harrisville** – St. Francis Solanus Church to have Roast Beef Dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 15

**Time:** 4 p.m. to 6

**Cost:** Adults, \$10; Children 5-12, \$5; under 5, Free

**Features:** Take-outs available at 4 p.m.

## ST. LAWRENCE

**LIVING STONES SERIES**

**Colton** – Bishop LaValley to speak about revitalizing the church and addressing the challenges facing the diocese, as it strives to meet the pastoral needs of the faithful throughout the diocese.

**Date:** Oct. 16

**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Place:** St. Patrick's Church

**Features:** A reception will follow in the parish center. The program is a part of the fall "Living Stones Series" sponsored by the parishes of St. Patrick's Church, Colton and St. Mary's Church, Potsdam.

**ROSARY RALLY**

**Potsdam** – The Annual Public Square Rosary Rally to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 11

**Time:** Noon

**Place:** The Park at the corner of Route 11 and Maple St (across from Kinney's)

**Features:** Please join us and more than 12,000 other rallies all across the country in response to Our Lady of Fatima's request for prayer and penance, to obtain pardon and peace.

**Contact:** Kinga at 315-265-5753 or 315-804-8339 (evenings)

**HEALING MASS**

**Raymondville** – St. Raymond's Church will be hosting a Healing Mass.

**Date:** Oct. 29

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Features:** Father Andrew Amyot will be the main celebrant and homilist. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at 5:30 p.m. During Mass, there will be the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick. After Mass there will be an opportunity for private prayer. The church building has easy access.

**Contact:** For more information call Visitation Rectory at 384-4242

**K OF C BRUNCH**

**Norfolk** – The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a brunch.

**Date:** Oct. 12

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to Noon

**Place:** Visitation Parish Center

**Cost:** Adults, \$7; Children under 12, \$4; Under 5, Free; Family, \$18; Take-outs

**INFORMATION ON ANNULMENTS**

**Waddington** – An informational presentation concerning annulments in the Catholic Church to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 16

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** St. Mary's Parish Center

## WOMEN'S CURSILLO



The recent Women's Cursillo of the Diocese of Ogdensburg was held Aug. 21-24 in Killington, Vermont. Participants included parishioners from Akwesasne, Brasher Falls, Cadyville, Constable, Peru, Plattsburgh, and Watertown.

**Speaker:** Msgr. Harry K. Snow, JCL, the Judicial Vicar, the Presiding Judge of the Tribunal.

**Features:** Following the presentation Msgr. Snow will meet with anyone who wishes to speak with him.

**HARVEST DINNER**

**Ogdensburg** – Notre Dame to have their Harvest Dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 19

**Time:** Noon to 3 p.m.

**Place:** K of C Hall, Take-outs available.

**Cost:** Adults, \$9; Children 5-12, \$5 (Eat in only)

**Features:** Roast turkey w/trimmings. Dessert, Craft table and 50/50 raffle.

**RUMMAGE SALE**

**Canton** – St. Mary's School is having a rummage sale.

**Schedule:** Oct. 10, at 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Bag Sale, Oct. 11, at 8 a.m. to 11

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

**RELIGIOUS JUBILEE**

**Ogdensburg** – The Diocese of Ogdensburg invite you to participate in a Eucharistic Celebration of the Diocesan Jubilee 2014 & Opening Event for Year of Consecrated Life.

**Date:** Oct. 12



**Time:** 2 p.m.

**Place:** St. Mary's Cathedral

**Features:** Bishop LaValley will be the celebrant. Reception in Brzana Hall.

**BUS FOR LIFE**

Time to sign up for the 2015 Lake Champlain Bus for Life.

**Schedule:** Meet at St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh on Jan. 21 at 7:15 p.m. for the Jan. 22 March For Life.

Arrive in Washington, D.C. early morning on Jan. 22; Free Time in the morning to attend Mass, sightsee, lobby representatives, etc.; Rally and March start at noon on The National Mall; Meet at St. Peter's Church in Washington at 4:45pm for the trip home.

**Cost:** \$25

**Contact:** To reserve a seat or to obtain more information, please contact Karen Smith at 518-566-6229 or Betty Buffett at (518) 536-6640. To sign up for a seat on the bus or to make a donation—please mail your check to St. Peter's Church 114 Cornelia Street Plattsburgh, New York 12901. Make a note on the memo line: "Bus for Life."

**CATHOLIC SCOUT RETREAT**

**Malone** – Scouts of all faiths are invited to the Catholic Scout Retreat.

**Date:** Oct. 19

**Schedule:** 9 a.m., Retreat at Holy Family School; 11 a.m., Mass at Notre Dame

**Features:** Learn the skills of the game from an Olympic Curling Coach on Oct. 18 and on Oct. 19 work on a community

service project, explore the type of vocations people can live their faith through, meals are provided with a patch for the registration fee. It is possible to camp out Oct. 18—tentatively Jamboree on the Air, group Rosary, and a Campfire

**Contact:** Scott Quinell at 315-261-4154 or quinells@canton.edu.

**CARITAS DINNER**

**Lake Placid** – Save the date to honor Catholic Charities Caritas Award Honoree (Posthumously) Mrs. Penny Martin and President's Award Catholic Daughters of America, Ogdensburg Diocese.

**Date:** Oct. 26

**Time:** Cash Bar 3:30 p.m., Dinner 4 p.m.

**Place:** Crowne Plaza

**Contact:** 315-393-2255

**DIRECTED RETREAT**

**Syracuse** – A five-day directed retreat to be held at Stella Maris Retreat Center

**Date:** Oct. 19, Registration 5 p.m. to 7 thru Oct. 24 after lunch

**Cost:** \$450 including \$100 non-refundable registration fee or \$90 per day

**Features:** silent retreat, including meals. You will have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with the same director each day during the week. Eucharistic celebration each day, and an opening conference on Sunday evening.

**Contact:** Make checks payable to Diocese of Syracuse and mail to: Maria Paone, The Chancery, 240 E. Onondaga Street, Syracuse, NY 13202, (315) 470-1460

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